

**Pre-Conference for Utah Fire Public Educators  
May 21, 2007 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Draft Agenda:

9:00 Welcome

Professional organization for Fire Public Educators in Utah

Public Education Coalitions

Standards of Excellence

11:30 Lunch & speaker (if we get lunch funded, otherwise it's lunch on own)

1:00 Resources

Needs, wants and solutions

3:00 – Adjourn

Door prizes! Information! Networking!

Register with Monica at [monicacolby@utah.gov](mailto:monicacolby@utah.gov) or 801-284-6360 by May 4, 2007.

**2007 Conference on Service**

**May 22 – 23, 2007**

Provo Marriott, Provo, Utah

<http://volunteers.utah.gov/>

I strongly suggest attending this conference if you are involved or wish to be involved in any of the Citizen Corps programs or want to utilize community volunteers. It's a day and a half with food for only \$109 if you register through May 1 and \$149 after May 1.

**State Public Fire Educator Committee**

I am championing a public educator association similar to the previous USAFE. I am looking into several avenues including connecting with an existing fire association to provide instant recognition and membership into a larger organization.

My vision is to establish six public education regions in the state. These six regions will have one representative and they, with a state representative, will constitute an executive board. Other state level partners from partnering organizations may participate.

**The purpose of the committee is to:**

- 1) Promote public fire education in Utah,**
- 2) Promote public fire educator development in Utah, and**
- 3) Encourage and facilitate information, data and resource sharing within and between public fire education regions.**

What exactly does that really mean? Right now, I think that means creating position papers, bringing in training, coordinating grant requests, seeking state-level grants, collecting and disseminating data, coordinating statewide programs, supporting regional coalitions and sharing information and best practices from other states and within our

own state. I think it means representing public fire educators with the state fire marshals, the state fire chiefs, partnering state and national organizations. I also think it means finding a way to help each other do our jobs even better in a world with shrinking support and funding.

*But more importantly, what do you think it means? What would you like a state group to do for you? Speak up or live with what the rest of us accomplish.*

### **Public Education Coalitions**

**Weber, Morgan and Davis counties** are exploring the potential of a Pub Ed Coalition. They are working towards forming a not-for-profit coalition where they will share resources, administrative and preparatory tasks of programs and some assistance in direct delivery. I will certainly keep you informed of the great work they are doing. All fire departments in these counties are requested to send a representative to all meetings. **The next meeting is April 12, 1400 at Layton Fire Dept Station 51, 530 North 2200 West.**

**Salt Lake and Tooele counties** are meeting May 9 to discuss what their regional coalition will look like and what role it will play in their area. All departments in these counties are welcome and highly encouraged to send a representative. Anyone may attend. **May 9, 10:00 am, Office of the State Fire Marshal, 5272 S College Dr (500 W), Suite 302, Murray.**

### **Life Safety House**

We have eight Life Safety Houses and three Hazard Houses throughout the state. Please be sure to complete a request form (<http://firemarshal.utah.gov/education/Trailer.html>) and send it to Monica or to your local scheduler listed below. Governor Hunstman has asked each division to show where their time and money is spent and how well we are managing both. I need to know how often, how long and for what purpose our props are used. Also, please leave them in good shape, return anything you accidentally packed with your things, fix any minor issues you caused (or perhaps found) and enjoy them.

We provide the trailer but not staffing. Preferably, all requests should go through the local fire department who will staff the trailer or train volunteers. If you are unable to be at their event and they have four or five volunteers who could meet for training when the trailer is delivered, we will loan it out directly to the group. No other situations will be approved.

Our office is no longer able to move the trailer for every request. We will certainly try, but if you are able to arrange transportation, the offer is greatly appreciated. Thank you to those moving the trailers posted in Tremonton, Vernal, Richfield and Moab!! For those of you using the trailer in Washington County - be nice to Todd!

### **Ionization and Photoelectric Alarms**

Have you viewed the website and video yet from Barre, VT? DO IT!!!

<http://www.smokealarminfo.com/> - this is the direct link to just smoke alarm information.

**Please follow up on fires** and ask a couple more questions. Were there smoke alarms? Did they alert the occupants? When did they alarm? What type of alarm(s) were they? It is believed that some of the “did not alert occupants” for “unknown” reasons were not from missing batteries but were ionization alarms in smoldering fires. Many reports the “presence of detectors” is left undetermined and when they are present, most leave the follow-up fields about effectiveness blank or undetermined. We just don’t have good data on this issue.

Who would be interested in attending a train-the-trainer from the Barre City Fire Dept? I am working to bring them to Utah to show us their presentation so we can spread the word in Utah. **If you would be interested in attending, reply now and say you’d like to come.**

### **Wildland Urban Interface**

Utah Living with Fire, a multi-agency and not for profit group working to educate homeowners to the dangers of wildfire and the steps they can take to protect life, home and property, will be hosting at least two conferences this summer. The conferences are tentatively scheduled in the St George and Salt Lake-ish areas on Saturdays in July/early August. **If you would like to be a part of this, just reply and let me know.**

### **Utah Fire Corps**

Utah Fire Corps is moving forward with two programs: wildland urban interface homeowner training for urban communities and public fire education coalitions. We have two AmeriCorps VISTAS placed with Fire Corps for one year, Chelsey Short and Ashley Stokes. Quick basics, Chelsey has a Masters in Mass Communications and Ashley is a future firefighter. They are ideal for their assignments. You’ll get to know them more over the next year.

### **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Health Curriculum**

I am working with the Utah Office of Education on injury prevention curriculum as they update their junior high/middle school health core curriculum. They are looking at Risk Watch or a similar training program.

The idea is to create a foundation for the CPR training they will receive in high school (not to mention information to save their lives.) The teachers need to touch on all areas in the core curriculum and are left can focus on whichever subjects they feel are best for their class. What if we had a fun, exciting and educational JFS prevention presentation the local fire department could offer as a supplemental training? Something for the state committee and regions to work on in the future.

### **Fire Team USA coming to Utah 2008 (contingent on funding)**

<http://www.fireteamusa.com/>

Fire Team USA is a federally funded program bringing community stakeholders together to learn about residential fire sprinklers. Your community brings a team to the free 1 ½ day training. Your team is made up of whomever you convince to come, but a good team would have representatives from your fire department, developers, homebuilders, homeowners, public works, and city government. **I'll take care of getting some of the statewide groups there if you will work on your local stakeholders.** I'll keep you informed on the actual dates. Housing and food is provided!

Speaking of which, the sprinkler fitters union is interested in partnering with you to create a residential sprinkler demonstration of any type. If you want to add sprinklers to your message (and it is coming) they are very willing to help!.

### **Upcoming Conferences and Training Opportunities**

#### **Swimming 101, May 18 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

DHS Admin Bldg, Rm 129, 120 N 200 W, SLC

This is a training and presentations basic course, also a great refresher offered by the Utah Training Consortium.

To register, go to <http://health.utah.gov/eol/utc/>, click on the calendar and then click on Register under the class information.

I highly recommend joining the Consortium. They generally do five trainings a year and bring in excellent speakers (and most of them are free!)

Save the date for September 21 for their annual Trainer's Day Camp!

**The Eighth Annual Missouri Valley Fire, Burn and Life Safety Conference** will be held in Hutchinson, Kansas on Wednesday, June 20 until Friday, June 22, 2007.

Please visit [www.mvpubed.com](http://www.mvpubed.com) for all of the information including the online registration form.

If you need additional information, contact

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**National Fire Academy** has 15 vacancies as of this morning in JFS Intervention Specialist June 10 - 15. This class offering was originally a VIP course but has been opened up to everyone. R628 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist 6/10-6/15/07 15 vacancies